Pay of the Headmasters of the Industrial Schools.

142. Mr. Joseph Pettah—Will the Government be pleased to state on what basis are the Headmasters of the Industrial Schools in the State classified into different grades?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—On the same basis on which different grades have been fixed for teachers in Literary Schools and for other officers.

Personal Deposit Account for Industrial Schools.

143.—Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Headmasters of the Industrial Schools in the State are not authorised to have a personal deposit account directly with the treasury, up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000;

(b) whether the Headmasters of the Industrial Schools in the State are not authorised to draw pay bills for themselves and for the teachers under them;

(c) whether the said Headmasters are given a full time clerk each, with School Final qualification;

(d) whether any such responsibilities or privileges, as referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above, are given to Headmasters of the Anglo-Vernacular Primary or Lower Secondary Schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Government Industrial Schools have personal deposit accounts up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 placed with treasury; but the drawings from them are subject to the specific sanction of the Director of Public Instruction and on bills either passed or countersigned by him.

(b) Yes; but these bills require the countersignature of the Industrial Inspector before encashment.

(c) No.

(d) There is no necessity for Personal Deposit account in Anglo-Vernacular Primary or Lower Secondary Schools. The heads of the Lower Secondary Schools draw pay bills for themselves and for the teachers under them, while in the case of Primary Schools the bills are drawn by the Inspecting Officers and endorsed in favour of the heads of schools who receive direct payment from the treasury.

Village Officers as candidates for elections and Tahsildars as polling officers.

144. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there have been instances of Village Officers being candidates where Tahsildars were the polling officers;

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